



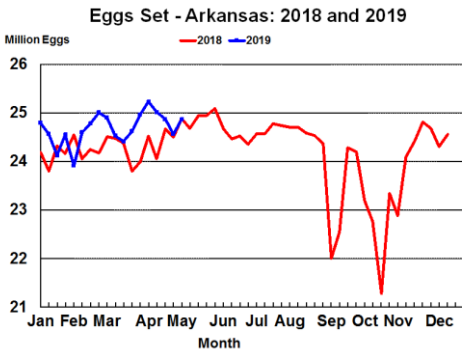
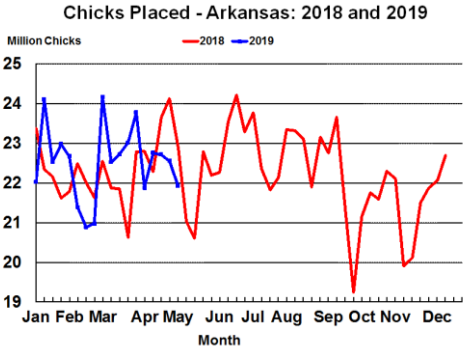
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This report contains the results from the **Weekly Broiler Hatchery Report**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Chick Placements Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.9 million during the week ending May 4, 2019. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2018 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 4, 2019, down slightly from the same period last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	6-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	4-May	6-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	4-May
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	30,247	30,117	30,543	30,339	30,125	23,076	22,164	22,699	21,466	22,175
Arkansas	25,227	25,014	24,867	24,562	24,866	21,877	22,754	22,714	22,548	21,917
Delaware	5,368	5,433	5,489	5,303	5,452	4,919	4,785	5,730	4,645	5,650
Florida	1,194	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,323	1,298	1,332	1,315	1,212
Georgia	35,239	35,146	35,380	34,942	33,950	27,252	27,342	27,569	29,061	28,587
Kentucky	7,787	7,850	7,951	7,849	7,963	5,370	6,552	6,021	5,879	5,955
Louisiana	3,592	3,834	3,848	3,606	3,818	3,307	3,313	3,220	3,223	3,418
Maryland	7,960	8,349	8,307	8,361	7,913	6,509	6,030	5,875	6,649	5,654
Mississippi	19,183	19,111	19,334	19,081	18,956	15,214	16,041	16,015	16,107	16,003
Missouri	8,431	8,490	8,585	8,416	8,296	5,631	5,785	6,679	5,973	5,832
N. Carolina	22,944	23,718	23,980	23,804	23,902	19,048	19,408	18,625	18,898	19,000
Oklahoma	7,346	7,791	7,730	7,992	7,564	4,718	4,083	3,481	4,445	5,539
Pennsylvania	4,765	5,428	5,649	5,559	5,460	4,012	3,991	3,445	3,373	3,930
S. Carolina	5,840	5,980	5,594	5,832	6,029	5,333	5,304	5,112	4,418	5,207
Texas	17,374	17,373	17,338	17,706	17,850	14,216	13,991	14,096	14,181	14,133
Virginia	6,467	6,467	6,469	6,468	6,318	6,205	5,413	5,713	5,487	5,957
CA,TN & WV	12,398	12,156	12,430	12,357	12,441	11,328	10,455	10,664	11,079	10,689
Other States	9,567	9,943	9,938	9,959	9,793	8,027	7,275	7,715	7,419	7,884
U.S. Total	230,929	233,378	234,610	233,314	231,874	187,365	185,984	186,705	186,166	188,742
% of Prev. Year	101	101	102	101	100	102	102	102	101	102

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 4, 2019, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through May 4, 2019 for the United States were 3.33 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.